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Security Council

10 a.m.	6023rd meeting (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, Sections A and B

   United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

10.45 a.m.	6024th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Fourth special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (S/2008/728)

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

MONUC (S/2008/728)

Other matters

(continued overleaf)

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6024th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.	60th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine: draft resolutions A/63/L.32, A/63/L.33, A/63/L.34 and A/63/L.35) [16]
2. The situation in the Middle East: draft resolutions A/63/L.36 and A/63/L.37) [15]
3. Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.4) [49 (d)]
4. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/63/L.28) [44]
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [114]

   (c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: draft resolution (A/63/L.40)

   (e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/63/L.38)

   (i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/63/L.39)

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3 p.m. . . . . 6025th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2008/692)

Afternoon[1] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

Middle East (Lebanon) (S/2008/715)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6025th meeting of the Security Council.

Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 1653rd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 9

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

The informal consultations of the process on strengthening international environmental governance to hear feedback from delegations on the revised draft resolution, schedueld for *today*, 26 November 2008, at 3 p.m., *have been cancelled.*

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 65 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance) and its sub-items (a) to (c), chaired by H.E. Ms. Sylvie Lucas (Luxembourg), will be held *today*, 26 November 2008, at 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

With reference to preparations for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (29 November-2 December 2008, Doha, Qatar), interested delegations are kindly reminded to communicate their interest in the posts of vice-president of the Conference and co-chairpersons of the six round tables at their earliest convenience through their respective regional groups. A letter dated 7 November 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairpersons of the regional groups was circulated in this regard. For further information, please contact the Secretariat (Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org)).

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Second Committee

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Information and communication technologies for development . . . . . [46]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.10 and A/C.2/63/L.[2]

2. Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities . . . . . [47 (d)]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.42

3. Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.24/Rev.1

4. Sustainable development: Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development . . . . . [49 (a)]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.27 and A/C.2/63/L.[2]

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 60th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

[2]To be issued.

5. Sustainable development: Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States . . . . . [49 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.44, A/C.2/63/L.12, A/C.2/63/L.52 and A/C.2/63/L.13

6. Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction . . . . . [49 (c)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.50, A/C.2/63/L.30, A/C.2/63/L.51 and A/C.2/63/L.28

7. Sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa . . . . . [49 (e)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.53 and A/C.2/63/L.16

8. Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity . . . . . [49 (f)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.17 and A/C.2/63/L.[1]

9. Sustainable development: Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session . . . . . [49 (g)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.18 and A/C.2/63/L.[1]

10. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) . . . . . [50]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.26 and A/C.2/63/L.[1]

11. Globalization and interdependence: Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence . . . . . [51 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.34

12. Globalization and interdependence: Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption . [51 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.32 and A/C.2/63/L.[1]

13. Groups of countries in special situations: Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation . . . . . [52 (b)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.40 and A/C.2/63/L.[1]

14. Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) . . . . . [53 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.11, A/C.2/63/L.[1]*, A/C.2/63/L.25 and A/C.2/63/L.*[1]

[1] To be issued.

15. Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.43, A/C.2/63/L.[1], A/C.2/63/L.48 and A/C.2/63/L.4

[1]To be issued.

Third Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 49th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

1. Programme planning . . . . . [119]

Action on draft decision A/C.3/63/L.79

2. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

Action on document A/C.3/63/ L.76

3. Conclusion of the work of the Committee

Fifth Committee

10–10.45 a.m. . . . . 21st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

Other matters

10.45 a.m.–12.30 p.m. . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Construction: Nairobi, Vienna and Addis Ababa (A/62/794, A/63/303 and A/63/465))

12.30 p.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme planning (A/63/16, A/63/6 (Part one), A/63/6 (Prog.1), A/63/6 (Prog.2), A/63/6 (Prog.3), A/63/6 (Prog.4), A/63/6 (Prog.5), A/63/6 (Prog.6), A/63/6 (Prog.7), A/63/6 (Prog.8), A/63/6 (Prog.9), A/63/6 (Prog.10), A/63/6 (Prog.11), A/63/6 (Prog.12), A/63/6 (Prog.13), A/63/6 (Prog.14), A/63/6 (Prog.15), A/63/6 (Prog.16), A/63/6 (Prog.17), A/63/6 (Prog.17)/Corr.1 (Arabic, English and Chinese only), A/63/6 (Prog.18), A/63/6 (Prog.18)/Corr.1 (French only), A/63/6 (Prog.19), A/63/6 (Prog.20), A/63/6 (Prog.21), A/63/6 (Prog.22), A/63/6 (Prog.23), A/63/6 (Prog.23)/Corr.1), A/63/6 (Prog.24), A/63/6 (Prog.25), A/63/6 (Prog.26), A/63/6 (Prog.27) and A/63/70))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/63/282, A/63/132, A/63/298, A/62/274, A/61/861, A/61/850, A/61/732, A/61/30/Add,1, A/63/310, A/63/310/Add.1, A/63/310/Add.2, A/63/310/Add.3, A/62/315, A/62/628, A/62/628/Add.1, A/C.5/62/L.9, A/63/202, A/62/186, A/61/206, A/62/890, A/61/957, A/63/208, A/62/215, A/61/806, A/61/806/Add.1, A/63/189, A/62/185, A/61/1029, A/63/285, A/61/822, A/63/301, A/62/285, A/63/290, A/63/204, A/62/845, A/62/845/Add.1, A/61/283, A/61/694, A/61/694/Add.1, A/62/707, A/62/707/Add.1, A/63/221, A/62/7/Add.14 (Sects. III-X), A/63/526, A/63/526/Corr.1, A/C.5/63/3, A/C.5/63/3/Add.1 and A/C.5/63/3/Add.2))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Experiences of Member States to increase the number of uniformed female personnel" *today*, 26 November 2008, at 10 a.m. in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 26 November 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority (under agenda item 155 (b)) (convened by the delegation of the Congo)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (under agenda item 65 (a)) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts" (under agenda item 11) (convened by the delegation of India)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International migration and development" (under agenda item 51 (b)) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

9–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution on the role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence (under agenda item 51 (a)) (convened by the delegation of the Netherlands)

9–10.30 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 26 November 2008

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee experts)

9–9.45 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Second Committee matters)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Asian Group (monthly meeting)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations (briefing on the Police Division review)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 26 November 2008

Room S-226

10 a.m. . . . . Oxfam, Refugees International, WorldVision and Human Rights Watch (speakers to be confirmed) (on the humanitarian emergency in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo [sponsored by the Office for the Coorination of Humanitrian Affairs]

11 a.m. . . . . Ms. Catherine Braggs, Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (on the humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. Alan Doss, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo (following the consultations of the whole of the Security Council on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC))

Security Council stakeout

11.30 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Karel de Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium (to hold a press encounter following the consultations of the whole of the Security Council on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC))

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 61st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/63/381) . . . . . [81]
2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/382) . . . . . [82]
3. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/63/383). [83]
4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/384). . . . . [84]
5. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/63/385) . . . . . [85]

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/386) . . . . . [86]

7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/63/387) . . . . . [87]

8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/63/388) [88]

9. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/389) . . [89]

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/390) . . . [90]

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/63/391) [91]

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/392) . . . . . [92]

13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/63/393) . . . . . [93]

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/63/394) . . . . . [94]

15. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/63/395) [95]

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/63/396) . . . . . [96]

17. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/397) . . . . . [110]

18. Programme planning: report of the First Committee (A/63/446) . . . . . [119]

General Assembly

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Fourth session

The Independent Audit Advisory Committee will hold its fourth session (closed) in Conference Room 9, on Monday, 1 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.15 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.15 to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development" (under agenda item 65) (convened by the delegation of India)

Friday, 28 November 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

Monday, 1 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 4, and Friday, 5 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Wednesday, 3 December 2008:

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08.htm>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

DPI/NGO communication workshop on "Exploring new technologies in media: Where do you get your United Nations news?"

Thursday, 4 December 2008:

Panel discussion

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Hands-on workshop: Using news technologies: Writing for the Web and blogging
From 1.30 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (L 270C).

Panel discussion on "HIV and young people: Leadership for change" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, with the support of UNFPA, UNAIDS and the Committee on HIV/AIDS of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Mari Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail ortegav@unaids.org; cc: buhaine@unaids.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on "The role and value of faith-based organizations in combating violence against women" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Bahá'í International Community)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please contact Ms. Mehdia Bendella, UNFPA (e-mail bendella@unfpa.org); or Ms. Fulya Vekiloglu, Bahá'í International Community (tel. 1 (212) 803-2500; e-mail oaw-nyc@bic.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre of the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings that have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly invited to do so by e-mail (dizon@un.org); or contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon, in Doha, as of *today*, 26 November 2008.

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established.

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430). Credentials should be submitted by delegations attending the Conference to the Credentials Committee at the Sheraton Convention Center in Doha, *on an urgent basis*.

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations were kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in New York (room S-201; fax 1 (212) 963-1921). As of *Monday, 24 November 2008*, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials *should have been submitted* for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The provisional agenda, the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference and the note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters of work are contained in documents A/CONF.212/1, A/CONF.212/2 and A/CONF.212/4, respectively.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Administrative Tribunal (27 October–26 November 2008)

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings until *today*, 26 November 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Suite 625 (DC2 Building).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 24 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

46th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance . . . . . [62 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Japan, Singapore and Benin.

Right of peoples to self-determination . . . . . [63]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.50/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement and announced that Algeria, Angola, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the Gambia, Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan and Swaziland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Dominican Republic and Malaysia also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 122 to 51, with 4 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Argentina, France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries) and Malaysia.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.22/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Uganda orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representative of Egypt and the observer for the Holy See.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.22/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 85 to 50, with 42 abstentions.

Statements before the vote were made by the representatives of India, the United States and France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries). After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria, Chile, Colombia, Brazil and Singapore.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.42/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba announced that Albania, Andorra, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chad, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Cyprus, France, Germany, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Montenegro, Nauru, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, San Marino, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Spain, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Cyprus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Cape Verde, Chile, the Congo, Greece, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Switzerland, Togo, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted, by a recorded vote of 180 to 1, with no abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Guatemala, Switzerland, Malaysia, France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries) Finland and Colombia.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions . . . . . [39]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.58/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mauritius, on behalf of the Group of African States, orally revised the text and announced that Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Greece, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania, Australia, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United States of America joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Pakistan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Advancement of women . . . . . [56]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.73.

Statements after the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of documents A/63/38, A/63/222, A/63/215, A/63/364 and A/63/205.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 56.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.30/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Brazil joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted, by a recorded vote of 177 to 1, with 2 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and France (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries). After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Switzerland and Finland.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.35/Rev. (and amendments thereto contained in A/C.3/63/L.74 and A/C.3/63/L.75)

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden made a statement, in which she orally revised the text and announced that the Dominican Republic and Mexico had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Action on the amendments contained in A/C.3/63/L.74

The representative of Uganda, on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, made a statement and withdrew the amendments contained in document A/C.3/63/L.74.

Action on the amendments contained in A/C.3/63/L.75

The representative of Uganda made a statement, in which a vote was requested on the amendments contained in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b) and a vote on the amendments contained in paragraph 1 (c).

The Committee rejected the amendments contained in paragraphs 1 (a) and (b), by a recorded vote of 78 to 60, with 29 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Finland, Sweden, Denmark and the Syrian Arab Republic.

47th meeting

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.35/Rev.1 (and amendments thereto contained in A/C.3/63/L.75)

Action on amendments contained in A/C.3/63/L.75

The Committee continued to take action on the amendments contained in document A/C.3/63/L.75.

Following the rejection of the amendments contained in paragaphs 1 (a) and (b), statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and Egypt.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the amendment contained in paragraph 1 (c) of document A/C.3/63/L.75.

The Committee rejected the amendment contained in paragraph 1 (c), by a recorded vote of 77 to 59, with 25 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, the Netherlands and Sweden.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.35/Rev.1 as a whole

A statement was made by the representative of Benin, in which he announced that his delegation withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution, as revised.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised, by a recorded vote of 121 to 57, with no abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Sweden. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Israel, the Sudan, Barbados, Jamaica and Egypt.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.34/Rev.1

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Sudan and Egypt.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children . . . . . [60 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16/Rev.1

The Secretary made a correction to document A/C.3/63/L.69, which contained a statement of programme budget implications in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Uruguay made a statement and announced that Angola, Australia, Belarus, Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chad, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Turkmenistan and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Algeria, Burkina Faso, the Gambia, Georgia, Guinea, Lesotho. Liberia, Mozambique, Morocco, the Niger, South Africa, the Russian Federation, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Togo and Uganda also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey and the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 180 to 1, with no abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of India. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Singapore, Uruguay, Norway (also on behalf of New Zealand and Switzerland) and Liechtenstein.

The representative of Uruguay drew the attention of the Committee to an omission of a paragraph in the adopted draft resolution.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Further to clarifications made by the Secretary, the Committee agreed that the omitted paragraph be included in the text of the draft resolution, to be reissued for technical reasons.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee took note of document A/63/203.

Tuesday, 25 November 2008

Security Council

6022nd meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. B. Lynn Pascoe, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Pascoe.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

58th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine . . . . . [16]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/63/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/368)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.32, A/63/L.33, A/63/L.34 and A/63/L.35)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 16.

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, South Africa, Israel, the Sudan, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Canada, Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Nicaragua, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Namibia, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Morocco, Indonesia, Malaysia and Yemen.

Statements in the exercise of the right to reply were made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and the observer for Palestine.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 16.

59th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East . . . . . [15]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/361 and A/63/368)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/63/L.36 and A/63/L.37)

The representative of Egypt made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/63/L.36 and A/63/L.37.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Switzerland, India, Norway, Turkey, China, Jordan, Australia and Japan.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 15.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that it would take action on draft resolutions A/63/L.32 to A/63/L.35, under agenda item 16, as well as on draft resolutions A/63/L.36 and A/63/L.37, under agenda item 15, on Wednesday, 26 November 2008, at 10 a.m.

Main Committees

Second Committee

29th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources . . . . . [38]

Statements were made by the representatives of Sweden and Uganda with regard to the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.5.

Operational activities for development . . . . . [54]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.43

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Macroeconomic policy questions: International trade and development . . . . . [47 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.35

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.49 and A/C.2/63/L.8

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.49 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.49, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 47 (a).

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference [48]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Bosnia and Herzegovina joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 48.

Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1 (and A/C.2/63/L.3/Rev.1/Add.1)

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Turkmenistan made a statement and orally revised the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Tajikistan, Georgia, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.45 and A/C.2/63/L.15

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.45 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belarus and Sweden.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.45, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.15 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 49 (d).

Globalization and interdependence: Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence . . . . . [51 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.47 and A/C.2/63/L.33

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.47 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Guyana and Spain.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.33 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: Industrial development cooperation . . . . . [53 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.46 and A/C.2/63/L.6

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.46 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of sub-item 53 (b).

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chairperson.

Third Committee

48th meeting — The summary of the 48th meeting fo the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 20078/232).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (18 November 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Partial withdrawal of reservations: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (18 November 2008)[1]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2009

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

Daily list of documents issued and distributed

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 25 November 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/44	Report of the Committee against Torture — Thirty-ninth session (5-23 November 2007) — Fortieth session (28 April-16 May 2008) — Supplement No. 44 [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/402	Item 31 — Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/404	Item 33 — Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/405	Item 34 — Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/407	Item 36 — Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/409	Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/449	Item 119 — Programme planning — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/557–S/2008/721	Item 15 — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 18 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.22/Rev.1	Item 107 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Antigua and Barbuda: revised draft resolution — The world financial and economic crisis and its consequences [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.38	Item 114 (e) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community — Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Chile, Comoros, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and Turkey: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.39 Item 114 (i) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization — Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.40 Item 114 (c) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tajikistan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Viet Nam and Yemen: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/63/L.46 Item 53 (b) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation — Draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur of the Committee, Mr. Awsan Al-Aud (Yemen), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.6 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.48 Item 54 — Operational activities for development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Troy Torrington (Guyana), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.4 [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.49 Item 47 (a) — Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Martin Hoppe (Germany), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.8 [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/63/L.3/Rev.1 Item 55 (e) — Social development: review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons — Benin, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Guinea, Mongolia, Mozambique, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal and Sri Lanka: revised draft resolution — Realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities through the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/63/L.34/Rev.1 Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Central African Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan,

	Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): revised draft resolution — Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief [A C E F R S]
A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1	Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Andorra, Benin, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Senegal, Switzerland, United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay: revised draft resolution — Committee on the Rights of the Child [A C E F R S]
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Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/713	Letter dated 13 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/557–S/2008/721	Identical letters dated 18 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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Official meetings

[There are no meetings scheduled at Headquarters, *today*, 27 November 2008, official holiday.]

Security Council

The Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa will hold a meeting on "The Concept of Responsibility to Protect". The meeting will be held on Monday, 1 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Security Council

The delegation of Costa Rica wishes to invite all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations to a briefing on the work of the Council during the Costa Rican presidency in November 2008, to be held on Monday, 1 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

With reference to preparations for the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (29 November-2 December 2008, Doha, Qatar), interested delegations are kindly reminded to communicate their interest in the posts of vice-president of the Conference and co-chairpersons of the six round tables at their earliest convenience through their respective regional groups. A letter dated 7 November 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairpersons of the regional groups was circulated in this regard. For further information, please contact the Secretariat (Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org)).

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Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. 61st plenary meeting . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/63/381) [81]
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6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/386) [86]
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/63/387) [87]
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16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/63/396) [96]

17. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/397) . . . . . [110]

18. Programme planning: report of the First Committee (A/63/446) . . . . . [119]

General Assembly

Independent Audit Advisory Committee
Fourth session

The Independent Audit Advisory Committee will hold its fourth session (closed) in Conference Room 9, on Monday, 1 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.15 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 2 December, from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.15 to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 6 p.m.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Integrated Training Services" on Tuesday, 2 December 2008 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 3rd meeting on Friday, 5 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Open-ended Working Group (tel. 1 (212) 963-4389).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Global Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" (under agenda item 65 a)) (convened by the delegation of Indonesia, on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and affected countries)

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

Monday, 1 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Thursday, 4, and Friday, 5 December 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Wednesday, 3 December 2008:

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08.htm>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

DPI/NGO communication workshop on "Exploring new technologies in media: Where do you get your United Nations news?"

Thursday, 4 December 2008:

Panel discussion

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Hands-on workshop: Using news technologies: Writing for the Web and blogging
From 1.30 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (L 270C).

Panel discussion on "HIV and young people: Leadership for change" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, with the support of UNFPA, UNAIDS and the Committee on HIV/AIDS of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Mari Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail ortegav@unaids.org; cc: buhaine@unaids.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on "The role and value of faith-based organizations in combating violence against women" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Bahá'í International Community)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please contact Ms. Mehdia Bendella, UNFPA (e-mail bendella@unfpa.org); or Ms. Fulya Vekiloglu, Bahá'í International Community (tel. 1 (212) 803-2500; e-mail oaw-nyc@bic.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus
Doha, Qatar, 29 November–2 December 2008

The Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus will be held from Saturday, 29 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at the Convention Centre of the Sheraton Doha Resort and Convention Hotel.

Plenary meetings

The Conference will include eight plenary meetings. The plenary meetings will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and from Sunday, 30 November, to Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m. All plenary meetings will be held at the Al Dafna Hall.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the plenary meetings is open. Inscriptions shall be on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be rearranged in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly. Delegations are reminded that interventions in the plenary meetings *should be limited to 5 minutes*, on the understanding that this will not preclude the distribution of more extensive texts.

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings that have not yet inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly invited to do so by e-mail (dizon@un.org); or contact Ms. Carmencita Dizon, in Doha, as of Wednesday, 26 November 2008.

Round tables

The Conference will include six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables on the six major thematic areas of the Monterrey Consensus. The round tables will be held on Saturday, 29 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 1); Sunday, 30 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 2) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 3); Monday, 1 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 4) and from 3 to 6 p.m. (round table 5); and Tuesday, 2 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (round table 6). All the round tables will be held at the Al Majlis Auditorium.

Each round table will be open to participation by representatives of all Member States; 21 representatives of observers, relevant entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations; 7 representatives of accredited civil society organizations; and 7 representatives of accredited business sector entities. Each representative may be accompanied by one adviser. No list of speakers will be established.

Credentials of representatives

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives, in accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-1107; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430). Credentials should be submitted by delegations attending the Conference to the Credentials Committee at the Sheraton Convention Center in Doha, *on an urgent basis*.

Composition of delegations

The delegation of each State participating in the Conference and that of the European Community shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternative representatives and advisers as may be required. Delegations were kindly requested to submit comprehensive lists of delegations to the Protocol and Liaison Service in Doha (fax (974) 459-8195). As of *Monday, 24 November 2008*, delegation lists, accreditation forms and all other conference-related materials *should have been submitted* for processing to the United Nations Accreditation Centre in Doha.

The provisional agenda, the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference and the note by the Secretariat on organizational and procedural matters of work are contained in documents A/CONF.212/1, A/CONF.212/2 and A/CONF.212/4, respectively.

Further information, including the list of side events, can be consulted from the Financing for Development Web site <www.un.org/esa/ffd/doha>.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-

giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 28 November 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 25 November 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Third Committee

48th meeting

Social development: Review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons . . . . . [55 (e)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.3/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement and announced that Andorra, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Indonesia, Qatar, Thailand, Turkey and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Colombia, the Congo, El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Mauritius, Montenegro, Nigeria, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Swaziland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Uganda and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Uganda (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference) introduced an oral amendment to the text of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Philippines requested a recorded vote on the oral amendment.

The Committee adopted the amendment, by a recorded vote of 67 to 41, with 52 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Costa Rica, France (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico, Canada, the United States and New Zealand.

Andorra, Colombia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Republic of Korea subsequently withdrew their sponsorship of the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines and France.

Following a statement by the representative of Uganda, the Committee adopted, in accordance with rule 130 of the rules of procedure, the draft resolution, as amended, by a recorded vote of 176 to 0, with no abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Chile.

The representative of the United Republic of Tanzania made a statement regarding her vote.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/63/172.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 55 as a whole.

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [58]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/63/L.57 and A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1*

The Committee had before it programme budget implications of the draft resolutions, contained in document A/C.3/63/L.77.

The representative of Cuba orally revised draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57*.

The Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The Secretary informed the Committee that, in the light of the revision made to draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57*, the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/63/L.77 no longer applied and therefore, document A/C.3/63/L.77 was withdrawn.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel and Mauritius.

The Secretary spoke on a point of clarification.

The representative of Mauritius, on behalf of the African Group of States, withdrew document A/C.3/63/L.57/Rev.1.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.57*, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 117 to 5, with 55 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Israel, France (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand (also on behalf of Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland), the United States, Costa Rica, the United Kingdom and Mexico. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Uruguay, the Sudan, Nigeria and Zimbabwe.

Right of reply

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 58.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action . . . . . [62 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1 (and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/63/L.70)

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement of programme budget implications as contained in document A/C.3/63/L.70.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda orally revised the text.

The Secretary informed the Committee that, in view of the oral revision made to the draft resolution, the Secretariat reserved its right to revise the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/63/L.70, as required, before action by the Fifth Committee.

The Russian Federation joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Israel made a statement and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 130 to 11, with 35 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Israel. After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Japan and New Zealand (also on behalf of Norway).

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of documents A/63/18, A/63/112 and A/63/112/Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 62 as a whole.

Promotion and protection of human rights: Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [64 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.34/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of France orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Albania, Benin, Canada, Cape Verde, Colombia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Montenegro, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Panama, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia and the United States of America had joined as sponsors.

Australia, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Mauritius, Thailand, Turkey, the United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Uganda made a statement, on behalf of the States members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.34/Rev.1, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L39/Rev.1 (and the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.78)

The representative of Mexico made a statement, orally revised the text and announced that Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan and the Russian Federation had joined as sponsors.

Australia, Egypt, the Gambia, the Republic of Moldova, Suriname and Ukraine also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

In view of the revisions, the representative of South Africa made a statement and withdrew the amendment contained in document A/C.3/63/L.78.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Syrian Arab Republic after the adoption of the draft resolution.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1

The attention of the Committee was drawn to a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution, contained in document A/C.3/63/L.61.

The representative of New Zealand orally revised the text of the draft resolution.

Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea Bissau, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malta, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Paraguay, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Mexico.

The Secretary made a statement regarding programme budget implications for the draft resolution, as revised.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Japan.

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a number of documents under the item.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 64 as a whole.

Indigenous issues . . . . . [61]

(a) Indigenous issues

(b) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Oral decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/63/166.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 61.

Wednesday, 26 November 2008

Security Council

6023rd meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 26 November 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 6023rd meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Alan Doss, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Doss and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

6024th meeting *The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Fourth special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (S/2008/728)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Alan Doss, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Doss.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

H.E. Mr. Karel De Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Burkina Faso, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, the United States, China, South Africa, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Italy, the Russian Federation and Croatia, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Costa Rica.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Rwanda.

6025th meeting

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2008/692)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Germany and Serbia, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lamberto Zannier, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

The President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Skender Hyseni.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Lamberto Zannier.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Hyseni.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the United States, Italy, South Africa, Belgium, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation, Croatia, Indonesia, Viet Nam, China, Panama, the Lybian Arab Jamahiriya and the United Kingdom.

H.E. Mr. Hyseni made a further statement.

H.E. Mr. Jeremić made a further statement.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption, the President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/44).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

60th meeting

Question of Palestine: draft resolutions (A/63/L.32, A/63/L.33, A/63/L.34 and A/63/L.35) . . . . . [16]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 16.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

By 107 votes to 8, with 57 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.32 (resolution 63/26).

By 106 votes to 8, with 57 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.33 (resolution 63/27).

By 162 votes to 8, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.34 (resolution 63/28).

By 164 votes to 7, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.35 (resolution 63/29).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement) and Belize.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 16.

The situation in the Middle East: draft resolutions (A/63/L.36 and A/63/L.37) . . [15]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 15.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

By 163 votes to 6, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.36 (resolution 63/30).

By 116 votes to 6, with 52 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.37 (resolution 63/31).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Brazil, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 15.

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.4) . . . . . [49 (d)]

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the report of the Second Committee that was before the Assembly.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/63/414/Add.4) (resolution 63/32).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 49.

Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/63/L.28) . . . . . [44]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 44.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.28 (resolution 63/33).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 44.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . [114]

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations: draft resolution (A/63/L.40)

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/63/L.38)

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/63/L.39)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-items (c), (e) and (i) of agenda item 114.

The representative of Guyana made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.38.

The representative of Afghanistan made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.39.

The representative of Thailand made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/63/L.40.

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the sponsors, action on draft resolution A/63/L.39 had been postponed to a later date to be announced.

Statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.38 (resolution 63/34).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.40 (resolution 63/35).

Statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 114.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-items (c) and (e) of agenda item 114.

The President made an appeal to those Member States intending to submit draft resolutions on the remaining sub-items to do so as soon as possible.

Main Committees

Second Committee

30th meeting

The Chairperson made a statement.

Information and communication technologies for development . . . . . [46]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.10 and future draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.55

The Committee was informed that future draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.55, circulated in English only, contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Guyana).

In light of the adoption of future draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.55, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.10 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

The meeting was suspended.

The Committee resumed its meeting.

Macroeconomic policy questions: Commodities . . . . . [47 (d)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.42

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item and of agenda item 47 as a whole.

Sustainable development . . . . . [49]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon and Antigua and Barbuda, in which they orally corrected the French and English texts of the draft resolution, respectively.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, by a vote of 153 to 5, with 3 abstentions.

After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Israel.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Lebanon.

Sustainable development: Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States . . . . . [49 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.44 and A/C.2/63/L.12

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus), in which he orally revised draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.44.

The Committee was then informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of Japan, to which the Secretary of the Committee responded.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.44 as orally revised.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.52 and A/C.2/63/L.13

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.52 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

A statement was made by the representative of Guatemala, in which she orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.52 as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, the United States, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Barbados.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.52, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.13 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction . . . . [49 (c)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.51 and A/C.2/63/L.28

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.51 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.51.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.51, as orally corrected, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.28 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.50 and A/C.2/63/L.30

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.50 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

A statement was made by the representative of Switzerland, in which she orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.50, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.50, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.30 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Sustainable development: Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa . . . . . [49 (e)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/63/L.53 and A/C.2/63/L.16

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.53 contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the Vice-Chairman (Belarus).

A statement was made by the representative of Lebanon, in which he orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.53, as orally corrected.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of India.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.53, draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.16 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Chairperson.

Third Committee

49th meeting

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

Action on draft decision A/C.3/63/L.79

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the draft decision, which was submitted by him.

Following a statement by the representative of Israel, the Chairman withdrew his text contained in A/C.3/63/L.79 in accordance with rule 122 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Also in accordance with rule 122 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group) re-introduced the draft decision contained in A/C.3/63/L.79.

The Secretary corrected the draft decision.

Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahrain, Barbados, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Suriname, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of the United States proposed an oral amendment to A/C.3/63/L.79.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius and the United States.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of Egypt appealed, under rule 113, the ruling of the Chairman to allow the Committee, in accordance with rule 120, to consider the oral amendment. By a recorded vote of 74 to 57, with 24 abstentions, the ruling of the Chairman was upheld.

The Committee proceeded to vote on the proposed oral amendment.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, France (on behalf of the European Union), Israel and Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group).

The Committee voted on the oral amendment, which was rejected by a recorded vote of 105 to 4, with 55 abstentions.

Albania, Belgium, France, Jamaica and Nicaragua joined in sponsoring the draft decision.

The Committee then adopted draft decision A/C.3/63/L.79, as orally corrected by the Secretary, by a recorded vote of 167 to 2, with 2 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, the United States, Australia, Israel, France (on behalf of the European Union), Mauritius, Egypt, South Africa, Cuba and Afghanistan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 119.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly . . . . . [110]

Action on document A/C.3/63/L.76

The Secretary orally corrected document A/C.3/63/L.76.

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba, the Committee approved its tentative programme of work for the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly and decided to transmit it to the plenary of the General Assembly.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 110.

Completion of the work of the Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States Group), Mauritius (on behalf of the African States Group), Qatar (on behalf of the Gulf Cooperation Council), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States Group), Cuba, the United States, France (on behalf of the European Union), Iceland (on behalf of the Western European and Other States Group) and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (on behalf of the Arab States Group).

The representatives of the United Kingdom and Egypt also spoke.

The Committee thus completed its work for the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

Fifth Committee

21st meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The Under-Secretary-General for Management and the Assistant Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Capital Master Plan, provided a summary statement of its responses to questions raised at the Committee's 19th meeting, held on 20 November 2008, and to questions raised at the Committee's informal consultations, held on 18 November 2008.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion under other matters.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on the question of construction at Nairobi, Vienna and Addis Ababa would resume on that day, Wednesday, 26 November, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship Mr. Henric Rasbrant (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be open for signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mauritius
H.E. Mr. Somduth Soborun

Asian States:
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
H.E. Mr. Mohammad Khazaee

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Neven Jurica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Heraldo Muñoz

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Hjálmar Hannesson

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A/63/L.41	Item 114 (f) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries — Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Czech Republic, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Timor-Leste and Turkey: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/63/398 Item 27 — Effects of atomic radiation — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/63/399 Item 28 — International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space — Repor the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F

A/63/406 Item 35 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations — Report of the Special Political Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]

A/63/414/Add.4 Item 49 (d) — Sustainable development: protection of global climate for present future generations of mankind — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]

A/63/443 Item 79 — The rule of law at the national and international levels — Report of th Sixth Committee [A C E F R S]

A/63/521 Item 144 (a) — Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Midd East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force — Performance report on th budget of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/525 Item 14 — Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/535 Item 148 — Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in — Performance report on the budget of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 — Report of Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/558 Item 130 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — First performa report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2008-2 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/559 Item 131 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Person Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed Territory of The Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — First performance report of the International Tribunal for The Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/561-S/2008/727 Item 13 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — Identical letters dated 20 Novem 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations address the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/63/L.24/Rev.1 Item 49 — Sustainable development — Antigua and Barbuda: revised draft resolu — Oil slick on Lebanese shores [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.50 Item 49 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduc — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Andrei Me (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/63 — Natural disasters and vulnerability [A C E F R S]

A/C.2/63/L.51	Item 49 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.28 — International Strategy for Disaster Reduction [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/L.52	Item 49 (b) — Sustainable development: follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.13 — Towards the sustainable development of the Caribbean Sea for present and future generations [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/63/L.53	Item 49 (e) — Sustainable development: implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Andrei Metelitsa (Belarus), on the basis of informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/63/L.16 [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/63/L.16/Rev.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
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S/2008/723	Letter dated 20 November 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/561–S/2008/727	Identical letters dated 20 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/728	Fourth special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]
S/2008/730	Identical letters dated 24 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2009 regular session

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Secretariat

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3–6 p.m. Informal meeting (closed) Conference Room 6

Security Council

The Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa will hold a meeting on "The Concept of Responsibility to Protect". The meeting will be held on *Monday, 1 December 2008*, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Security Council

The delegation of Costa Rica wishes to invite all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations to a briefing on the work of the Council during the Costa Rican presidency in November 2008, to be held on *Monday, 1 December 2008*, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Security Council

The President of the Security Council for the month of December 2008 (Croatia) will hold a briefing to the press on the programme of work for the month of December, on Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at 12.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). Delegations can view the press briefing in Studio 4, located in the First Basement.

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High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund

There will be a High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund, organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, on Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. To register your attendance and to be added to the list of speakers, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), as soon as possible, but *no later than Tuesday, 2 December 2008.*

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Roo

Informal consultations on agenda item 129 (Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/63/314, A/63/782, A/62/748, A/62/748/Corr.1, A/63/211, A/63/253, A/63/283, A/C.5/62/27, A/C.5/63/9, A/62/7/Add.39 and A/63/545))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Roo

Informal consultations on agenda items 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/63/32, A/63/1 A/63/119/Corr.1, A/63/119/Add.1, A/63/509 and A/63/94)); and 125 (United Nations common system (A/63/30, A/63/360 and A/63/501))

General Assembly

Independent Audit Advisory Committee

Fourth session

9 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Roo

2–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Roo

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room

1. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda/International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
2. Executive session

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Monday, 1 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Monday, 1 December 2008

UNITAR Seminar on International Trade and Policy

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Arab Group (at the expert level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

2–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 1 December 2008

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Mr. Jimmy Kolker, Chief, HIV and AIDS Section, UNICEF; Mr. Bertil Lindblad, Director, UNAIDS New York Office; Mr. Andrey Pirogov, Executive Director, World Health Organization New York Office; Mr. Steven Kraus, Chief, HIV and AIDS Section, UNFPA; and Mr. Joan Laporta, President, Futbol Club Barcelona (to present the third stocktaking report on children and mothers affected by HIV and AIDS)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 2 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. 61st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/63/381) [81]
2. Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/382) [82]
3. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/63/383) [83]
4. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/384) [84]
5. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/63/385) [85]
6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/386) [86]
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/63/387) [87]
8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/63/388) [88]
9. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/63/389) [89]
10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/390) [90]
11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/63/391) [91]
12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/63/392) [92]
13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/63/393) [93]
14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/63/394) [94]
15. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/63/395) [95]
16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/63/396) [96]

17. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/63/397) . . . . . [110]

18. Programme planning: report of the First Committee (A/63/446) . . . . . [119]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Tuesday, 2 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing by the Department on Peacekeeping Operations to members of the Special Committee on the "Integrated Training Services" on Tuesday, 2 December 2008 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council

The Open-ended Working Group on the Question of Equitable Representation on and Increase in the Membership of the Security Council and Other Matters related to the Security Council will hold its 3rd meeting on Friday, 5 December 2008, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Open-ended Working Group (tel. 1 (212) 963-4389).

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Wednesday, 10 December 2008, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Central African Republic configuration

An informal meeting (open) of the Central African Republic configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 3 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

Briefing

There will be a briefing by the Chair of the WHO Commission on the Social Determinant of Health (CSDH), Sir Michael Marmot, on the report of the Commission, entitled "Closing the gap in a generation: Health equity through action on the social determinants of health", for members of the Economic and Social Council, on Wednesday, 10 Decembe 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Following the presentation by Sir Michael Marmot and interventions by two discussants, Dr. Ruth Levine, Vice-President for Programs and Operations and Senior Fellow, Centre for Globa Development, and Dr. Nora Lustig, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs, The Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, the floor will be open for an interactive discussion. The session will be moderated by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, Mr. Thomas Stelzer.

All are invited to attend. For more information on the event, please visit the following Web site: <www.un.org/ecosoc/meetings/meeting_WHO.shtml>; or contact Ms. Cheryl Stafford (tel. 1 (917) 367-3116; e-mail stafford@un.org).

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

International expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The international expert group meeting on the role of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in the implementation of article 42 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples will take place from Wednesday, 14, to Friday, 16 January 2009, in Conference Room 5. Member States interested in attending, *at the expert level*, are kindly requested to inscribe with the secretariat of the Permanent Forum, by *Friday, 5 December 2008* (tel. 1 (917) 367-5759; fax 1 (917) 367-5102; e-mail pollack@un.org). Given space limitations, the list of participants in the meeting will be established on a first-come, first-served basis. The documents for the meeting are available at <www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfii/en/EGM_A42.html>.

Forthcoming other activities

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Conference on Interfaith Cooperation and the Protection of Human Rights and Dignity, in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Ethiopia, Guinea, Kenya and Nepal)

Tuesday, 2 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Maria Vargas (tel. 1 (212) 963-8024; e-mail vargasl@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the theme "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Dignity and justice for all of us"

Wednesday, 3 December 2008:

Opening of the International Day

From 9.30 to 9.40 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

Seminar on "Implementing the digital accessibility agenda of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" (co-organized by UNITAR, G3ict, Global Alliance for ICT and Development, DESA, and the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 9.40 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[To register, please visit <www.unitarny.org>. For further information, please contact Mr. David Koschel, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail koschel@un.org).]

Multimedia presentation on "Protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities through advocacy efforts on the Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on Cluster Munitions: Experience, perspectives and tools from the field" (organized by the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, Department of Peacekeeping Operations)

From 1.30 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Aaron J. Buckley, UNMAS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4632; e-mail buckleya@un.org).]

Musical performances (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia and Hungary, in cooperation with the secretariat for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, DESA)

From 12 noon to 2.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[To register, please visit <http://social.un.org/absolutefp/3Dec08.htm>. For further information, please contact Ms. Céline-Andrée Adotevi, DESA (e-mail adotevi@un.org).]

DPI/NGO communication workshop on "Exploring new technologies in media: Where do you get your United Nations news?"

Thursday, 4 December 2008:

Panel discussion

From 10.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Hands-on workshop: Using news technologies: Writing for the Web and blogging

From 1.30 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Training Room (L 270C).

Panel discussion on "HIV and young people: Leadership for change" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Thailand, with the support of UNFPA, UNAIDS and the Committee on HIV/AIDS of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Mari Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail ortegav@unaids.org; cc: buhaine@unaids.org).]

UNU panel discussion on "The politics of hydrogen" and book launch (organized by organized by the United Nations University Office in New York (UNU-ONY))

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please visit <www.ony.unu.edu>; or contact Mr. Durlabh Maharishi, UNU-ONY (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; e-mail durlabh@ony.unu.edu).]

Panel discussion on "The role and value of faith-based organizations in combating violence against women" (organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Bahá'í International Community)

Thursday, 4 December 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

[All are invited to attend. To register or for more information, please contact Ms. Mehdia Bendella, UNFPA (e-mail bendella@unfpa.org); or Ms. Fulya Vekiloglu, Bahá'í International Community (tel. 1 (212) 803-2500; e-mail oaw-nyc@bic.org).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
United Nations Office at Geneva

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Tuesday, 9 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for associate experts (junior professional officers)

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce that the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law was launched on 28 October 2008 and can be found at <www.un.org/law/avl>. The Audiovisual Library of International Law is a unique multi-media resource which is a core instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law.

As this on-going project is entirely funded by voluntary contributions, the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs is seeking contribution by Member States in funding associate experts (junior professional officers) in international law and in Web site management. For additional information, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-6971; e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly con the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Bulgaria (26 November 2008)

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Accession: Bulgaria (26 November 2008)

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Notification under article 46 (13): Cameroon (25 November 2008)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Convention on Cluster Munitions
Dublin, 30 May 2008

Opening for signature

In accordance with its article 15, the Convention on Cluster Munitions will be ope signature in Oslo by all States on 3 December 2008 and thereafter at United Natio Headquarters in New York until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, Fr Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specific treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify, and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail holbrook@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at <http://treaties.un.org>.

For general information on the signing conference, including registration, financial support, travel and visa arrangements, please consult the following Web site: <www.osloccm.no>.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Friday, 28 November 2008.

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A/63/401	Item 30 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/403	Item 32 — Questions relating to information — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/63/544	Item 148 — Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur — Progress report on the budget of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/546	Item 139 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea — Revised budget for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/552–S/2008/718	Item 109 — Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations — Letter dated 17 November 2008 from the Permanent Representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/567	Items 118 and 40 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2008 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.28/Add.1	Item 44 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Finland, France, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand and United Republic of Tanzania: draft resolution — Global health and foreign policy — Albania, Argentina, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Maldives, Mali, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey and Zimbabwe [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.32/Add.1	Item 16 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nicaragua, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft

resolution — Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People — Nigeria [A C E F R S]

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